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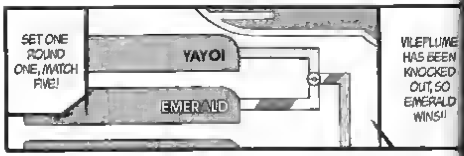
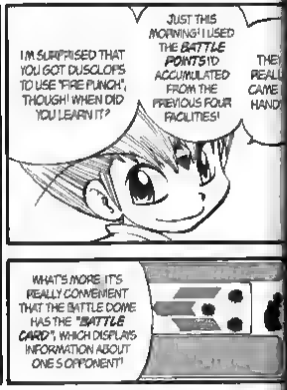
VS. VILEPLUME II

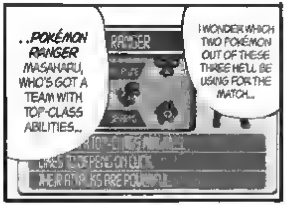

SET ONE ROUND ONE, MATCH FIVE!
YAYOI
EMERALD
VILEPLUME HAS BEEN KNOCKED OUT, SO EMERALD WINS!!

WAY TO GO! YOU CRUSTED RIGHT INTO THE QUARTER-FINALS!
NO SWEAT!


I'M SURPRISED THAT YOU GOT DUSCLOPS TO USE "FIRE PUNCH", THOUGH! WHEN DID YOU LEARN IT?
JUST THIS MORNING! I USED THE BATTLE POINTS I'D ACCUMULATED FROM THE PREVIOUS FOUR FACILITIES!
THEY REALLY CAME IN HANDY!
WHAT'S MORE, IT'S REALLY CONVENIENT THAT THE BATTLE DOME HAS THE "BATTLE CARD", WHICH DISPLAYS INFORMATION ABOUT ONE'S OPPONENT!

OOH! MY OPPONENT JUST NOW WAS "THE DARK HORSE OF THE TOURNAMENT"!
THAT'S RIGHT! THE THEME OF THE BATTLE DOME IS "TACTICS"!
THE KEY TO VICTO
HERE IS ONE'S
ABILITY TO COM
UP WITH THE RIGH
"TACTICS" TO DE
WITH THE
OPPONENT BASE
ON THE
INFORMATION
ON HAND

I KNOW THAT! OH! HERE COMES MY SECOND OPPONENT!


..POKÉMON RANGER MASAHARU, WHO'S GOT A TEAM WITH TOP-CLASS ABILITIES...
RANGER
I WONDER WHICH TWO POKÉMON OUT OF THESE THREE HE'LL BE USING FOR THE MATCH...

AND..
STEP
..WHICH TWO SHOULD I USE?

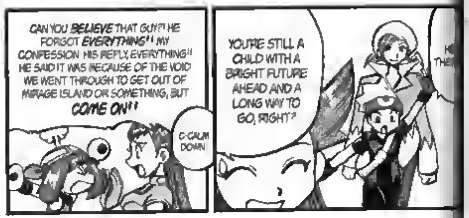
HERE GOES!!
SHUFFLE

SHIPBOARD THE TIDE-RIP
DO YOU TAKE THIS WOMAN AS YOUR LAWFULLY WEDDED WIFE...
...TO SWEAR TO LOVE HER FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE?
I...I DO"!
WILL THE BRIDE AND GROOM EXCHANGE RINGS NOW...
WOW... A SHIPBOARD WEDDING IS SO ROMANTIC"!
MORE IMPORTANTLY, LOOK AT HOW BEAUTIFUL THE BRIDE I I'M SO HAPP TO BE ABLE TO WITNES THIS, WANON
YES...
THOSE TWO WERE A GREAT HELP DURING THE ROGRE AND GROUDON AFFAIR, WHEN WE NEEDED PEOPLE TO GUIDE THE REFUGEES IN NEW MAUVILLE...
AS A GYM LEADER, I JUST HAD TO BE PRESENT TO GIVE THEM MY BLESSINGS. IT'S MY PLEASURE TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT CEREMONY...
WANON MAKES I WISH YOUR WN WEDDING ULD BE LIKE THIS TOO HUH!!
HEH HEH... WELL I WOULDN'T KNOW ABOUT THAT...
AFTER ALL THINGS DIDN'T QUITE WORK OUT THE FIRST TIME...
BUT WALLACE RENOUNCED HIS CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE IN ORDER TO BECOME A GYM LEADER JUST SO HE COULD GO AFTER YOU, ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
THAT'S PRETTY ROMANTIC TOO IF YOU ASK ME.
YES... BUT THAT ONLY BECAME A BURDEN TO ME. TO HAVE A MAN WHOSE ABILITIES FAR SURPASS MINE ALWAYS BY MY SIDE... I FELT SMOTHERED BY HIM... EVERYTHING I DID JUST COULD NOT MEASURE UP ANYMORE...
...ALL THE MORE SO SINCE I WAS TASKED WITH THE ROLE OF GYM LEADER...
BUT YOU WANTED TO "START ANEW" WITH HIM AFTER THE EVENT, DIDN'T YOU? DID YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH HIM AGAIN? AW, C'MON, YOU CAN TELL ME.
S-STOP MAKING FUN OF ME!
WHAT ABOUT YOU AND RUBY THEN?
...

I...I THINK...
..IT'S OVER BETWEEN US!!

OVER...? WHAT HAPPENED?
WHAT HAPPENED?! ALL BETS ARE OFF! THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED!

AAH. YOU KNOW, ABOUT KYOGRE AND GROUDON..
..I DON'T REALLY REMEMBER HOW WE SOLVED THE PROBLEM, SO.


CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT GUY?! HE FORGOT EVERYTHING!! MY CONFESSION, HIS REPLY, EVERYTHING!! HE SAID IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE VOID WE WENT THROUGH TO GET OUT OF MIRAGE ISLAND OR SOMETHING, BUT COME ON!!
C-CALM DOWN.
YOU'RE STILL A CHILD WITH A BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD AND A LONG WAY TO GO, RIGHT?

WHAT ARE ANGELS MUTTERING ABOUT?
WE'RE NOT CHATTERING YOU TWIT!
TALKING ON AND ON ABOUT MEANINGLESS THINGS MEANS YOU'RE CHATTERING, DON'T YOU KNOW?
AND HOW WOULD YOU KNOW IF IT'S MEANINGLESS OR NOT?!
OH, SO YOU WERE HAVING A MEANINGFUL CONVERSATION THEN?
YES, WE WERE!
WHAT KIND OF MEANINGFUL CONVERSATION?
AND WHY SHOULD I BE TELLING YOU?!

NOW, SETTLE DOWN, YOU TWO! WINONA AND I HAVE TO ATTEND THE WEDDING RECEPTION...
...BUT THE BOTH OF YOU ARE HERE WITH A MISSION, AREN'T YOU?

THAT'S RIGHT!
YES, MASTER! WE'RE HERE TO TAKE PART IN THE BATTLE DOME TOURNAMENT!
AND TO MEET UP WITH "HIM" ---

THE THIRD POKEDEX OWNER WHO'S ALREADY...
...AT THE BATTLE FRONTIER!
THE TWO OF THEM SHOULD BE AT THE BATTLE FRONTIER BY NOW...
POKÉMON RESEARCH LABORATORY HOENN
THANKS TO YOU, PROFESSOR BIRCH, WE WERE ABLE TO SEND TWO POWERFUL HELPERS TO ASSIST EMERALD IN HIS MISSION!
DON'T MENTION IT...
AFTER ALL, POKEDEX OWNERS ARE OFTEN DESTINED TO LIVE A LIFE SURROUNDED BY BATTLES...
...I BELIEVE YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SAID THAT, PROFESSOR OAK!
I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT!
IF ONLY TREECKO WERE HERE AS WELL...

AS IT'S ONE OF THE THREE POKÉMON I HAVE ON HAND.
BACK WHEN I WAS CARRYING OUT A SPECIAL RESEARCH ON "GRASS", "FIRE" AND "WATER" TYPE POKÉMON, I HAD THREE POKÉMON WITH ME...
I ALSO HAD THREE POKEDEXES THAT I HAD OBTAINED FROM YOU...
I GAVE ONE POKEDEX ALONG WITH TORCHIC TO MY DAUGHTER...
...ANOTHER POKEDEX TO NORMAN'S SON, ALONG WITH MUDKIP...
AND WE ALREADY HAD SOMEONE IN MIND FOR THE OWNER OF THE THIRD POKÉDEX.
THAT'S RIGHT. I ARRANGED TO MEET UP WITH EMERALD IN ORDER TO PASS HIM THE POKEDEX, AS PER YOUR REQUEST.
I HAD PLANNED TO LEAVE TREECKO IN HIS CARE AS WELL WHEN I PASSED HIM THE POKÉDEX...
...SO THAT IT COULD BE TRAINED AT THE SAME PACE AS TORCHIC AND MUDKIP...
PUT!

...TREECKO AND THE POKÉDEX WERE WASHED AWAY BY THE DOWNPOUR AND SUBSEQUENT TSUNAMI THAT AFFECTED HALF OF HOENN
FORTUNATELY, THAT BAG WAS RECOVERED BY A GOOD-HEARTED BOY.
...WHO RETURNED THE POKÉDEX TO ME SOON AFTER.
DEAR PROFESSOR BIRCH... I WAS THE ONE WHO FOUND YOUR POKÉDEX. I WOULD LIKE TO RETURN IT TO YOU. IT WAS WASHED AWAY IN THE RAIN.
HOWEVER I WAS SEPARATED FROM THE TREECKO THAT WAS ALSO IN THE BAG AND I CAN'T SEEM TO FIND IT DURING THE TORNADO THAT OCCURRED AT THE SKY PILLAR WHEN RAYQUAZA AWAKENED. I WAS BLOWN AWAY AND...
I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO LOCATE THE TREECKO EVER SINCE THEN, BUT APPARENTLY IT HAD ALREADY EVOLVED INTO A GROVYLE..
I TOLD EMERALD ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED, AND HE SAID..
NAH, IT'S OKAY!
I'VE ALREADY DECIDED THAT I DON'T WANT ANY POKÉMON ON HAND!
IS THAT...?
WELL, REGARDLESS OF HOW EMERALD FEELS, I DO HOPE THAT THE TREEC... NO, I MEAN THE GROVYLE IS DOING WELL WHEREVER IT IS...
YES..
IF IT HAS RETURNED TO THE WILD, THEN I SUPPOSE IT SHOULD BE GETTING ALONG FINE..
STRUGGLE
STRUGGLE
STRUGGLE
STRUGG
TAKE THIS!!
"COUNTER"!!
BLACK
BAM
BAM

SET FOUR, FINAL ROUND..
URSARING HAS BEEN KNOCKED OUT! EMERALD WINS!!
THERE WILL NOW BE A 15-MINUTE BREAK.
PHEW! TIME FOR A LITTLE BREATHER..!
YES!
TIDE-RIP WILL BE DEPARTING FROM THE HARBOR SOON!!
BYE-LAD! I'LL BE BACK IN THREE DAYS!
OK!!! YOU TAKE CARE, BRINEY OLD MAN...! OOPS, I MEAN.. HONORABLE CAPTAIN BRINEY!! SEND OUR REGARDS TO WALLACE AND WINONA!
NOW THEN..
...HOW DO WE GO ABOUT FINDING "HIM"?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE?

IN IT MY DAD SAID
...THAT THE POKÉDEXES SHOULD "RESONATE" WHEN THEY'RE NEAR EACH OTHER.
WHEN THE RIGHTFUL THREE OWNERS OF THE SAME POKÉDEX MODEL ARE CLOSE TO EACH OTHER...
...THE POKÉDEXES WILL SENSE EACH OTHER AND GIVE OFF A SOUND.
BEEP BEEP BEEP
I'M THIS KID MIAN"
I DON'T TELL W HE'S HERE T THE BATTLE DOME?
BEEP BEEP BEEP
OVER HERE...
BEEP BEEP
AH!
A RAINBOW!
BEEP BEEP BEEP
IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL...
YEAH!
HUH? IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE HE'S INSIDE THE DOME...
BEEP BEEP
BEEP BEEP

GEEZ, WH
IS THAT
AWFUL
BEEPING
NOISE?
I JUS
WANN
PEE IN
PEACE!
BEEP
I THINK
IT'S
COMING
FROM
THIS
DIRECTION!
UWAAH!!
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
DON'T
TURN THIS
WAY!!
WHAT?
WHAT
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP

EWWW... ARE YOU SURE IT DIDN'T SPATTER ON ME?! MAYBE IT GOT ON MY BACK OR SOMETHING!! TAKE A CLOSER LOOK FOR ME, PLEASE!
OH, GROW UP! NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT SUCH THINGS!
UM... HELLOOOOO? MAYBE I SHOULD ASK AGAIN?
JUST WHO THE HECK ARE YOU GUYS, AND WHAT'RE YOU HERE FOR?
WE'RE HERE FOR YOU, EMERALD!
THE THIRD POKEDEX OWNER IN THE HOENN REGION!
I'M RUBY!
AND I'M SAPPHIRE!

DEAR MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Thank you for being here to cover the opening of the Battle Frontier facility!

Please allow us to continue explaining the rules of the facilities

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SUPPLEMENTARY RULES OF EACH FACILITY

BATTLE PALACE PART 1

BATTLE MODE	POKÉMON ALLOWED	OBTAINABLE SYMBOL	ENCOUNTERS FOR SYMBOL ACQUISITION
SINGLE	THREE	SPIRIT	7 WINS
DOUBLE			7 WINS (3 CONSECUTIVE WINS)

The Battle Palace is a place with a special rule, where trainers do not give out any commands, letting their Pokémon decide by themselves which skills to use instead. Basically it is a place where the trainers have to take a backseat, allowing their Pokémon to do battle by themselves. As the trainers are unable to give any commands, this is a facility which doesn't require much forethought or strategy. It is made for people who are interested in seeing Pokémon battle each other using their natural instincts.